

Circuit Court

Mission:

The Circuit Court will maintain and improve the quality of justice for all County citizens, emphasize efficiency, effectiveness, and fairness, and value and respect the individual.

Goals:

- To hear and decide promptly matters brought before the Court, without bias or prejudice, remaining faithful to the law, and not be swayed by partisan interests, public clamor, or fear of criticism.
- To require order, decorum, and civility in proceedings before the Court.
- To require staff, Court officials, and others subject to the Court's control to refrain from bias or prejudice, and employ courtesy and decorum in the performance of their duties.
- To exercise the power of appointment impartially and on the basis of merit.

Implementation Strategies for FY2003:

- As a judge of the Ninth Judicial Circuit, to work toward uniform local practices and procedures throughout the Circuit which includes the cities of Poquoson and Williamsburg; and York, Charles City, James City, King William, King and Queen, Gloucester, Mathews, Middlesex, and New Kent counties.
- Statistics provided by the Supreme Court of Virginia indicate that in 2000 (the most recent yearly figures available) in the York County Circuit Court, 676 civil cases were commenced and 633 concluded; 1476 criminal cases were commenced and 1589 concluded. Grand juries met 6 times; petit juries were impaneled 27 days. Included in the concluded civil cases: 276 divorces, 102 other equity cases, 31 petitions for individuals to change their names, 26 garnishments, 14 petitions for guardians for incapacitated persons were granted, and 117 concealed weapon permits were issued.

Budget Issues:

- In FY1999, funding was approved for an additional part-time Judicial Assistant.
- For FY2003, capital outlay funding was approved for a replacement copier.

General Fund Expenditures	FY1999 Actual Expenditures	FY2000 Actual Expenditures	FY2001 Actual Expenditures	FY2002 Original Budget	FY2002 Expected Appropriations	FY2003 Adopted Budget
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Personnel Services	48,343	50,578	50,352	45,572	45,572	49,956
Contractual Services	7,531	11,598	14,792	11,900	11,900	11,695
Internal Services	51	47	72	75	75	100
Other Charges	1,329	2,171	1,646	2,800	2,800	2,866
Materials & Supplies	3,159	2,276	2,259	3,140	3,140	3,140
Capital Outlay	-	-	-	-	-	3,345
Activity Total	<u>60,413</u>	<u>66,670</u>	<u>69,121</u>	<u>63,487</u>	<u>63,487</u>	<u>71,102</u>
Percentage Change	16.55%	10.36%	3.68%	-8.15%	N/A	11.99%

FTE's

Management	-	-	-	-	-	-
Professional/Technical	-	-	-	-	-	-
Admin/Clerical	1.00	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.50
Trades & Crafts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	<u>1.00</u>	<u>1.50</u>	<u>1.50</u>	<u>1.50</u>	<u>1.50</u>	<u>1.50</u>

